

Journal

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1. Pursuant to arrangements made with Mr. Boyd Crawford, Staff Director, House Foreign Affairs Committee, a courier picked up from the Committee the transcript of the hearings before the Committee by the State Department on Wednesday, February 11, 1959. This was a briefing on the Current World Situation by Hon. Livingston Merchant, Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs, accompanied by Hon. William B. Macomber, Jr., Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations.

2. Miss Pat Mielke, secretary to Mr. Maurice Stans of the Bureau of the Budget, called to say that Mr. Stans and Mr. Roger Jones would come to the Agency for lunch on February 24th at 1:00 P. M. prior to their briefing at 2:00 P. M.

3. Miss Stack, Secretary to Senator Eugene J. McCarthy, (D., Minn.) was telephoned to see if the Senator could come to the Agency for lunch on Friday, 20 February. After checking with the Senator, Miss Stack called back to say the Senator could come on Friday and he could be picked up at the Senate Office Building at 12:30 P. M. on Friday. We informed Miss Stack that we would telephone later in the week to make definite plans on exactly where to pick up Senator McCarthy.

4. General Cabell telephoned in connection with the Journal item of 12 February 1959 in which I queried Ken Belieu as to whether or not General Twining's office could review the transcript of the CIA appearance before the Johnson Committee on 4 February 1959. Mr. Belieu's reply was that he would prefer that DOD make the request of the Committee and subsequently Captain Gray in General Twining's office was so advised. General Cabell stated the Director indicated this was an undesirable precedent for us to check back with the Committee prior to making it available to another executive department. General Cabell was informed that this is the existing custom and precedent and in fact most committees would, in my opinion, regard this as their perspective since the transcript is theirs taken in executive session and may well indicate viewpoints either by questions or statements of various committee members.

5. In discussing preparations for the Kilday Subcommittee briefing, the Director telephoned Representative George H. Mahon to advise him of the new CIA Subcommittee of House Armed Services and their request for review of certain aspects of CIA appropriations and other fiscal matters.